

Recreation Committee Meeting
April 3, 2008

Note: There were two Recreation Committee meetings the evening of April 3rd. The first meeting was to discuss Long Range Planning for the Recreation Department. The second meeting addressed the regular monthly agenda.

LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING

Attendees: Dave Brooks, Susan Rich, Rick Meisenbach, Tony Barrett, Don Miskill, George Every.

Also present: Liz Bouvé, Carol Tukey, Judith Redwine, and Judy Arndt.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm.

Business: Roundtable discussion with the town planner and the Mitchell Field Planning Committee Chair to talk about where we go from here. Key points from the discussions follow:

- The Recreation Survey presented some conclusions from the data collected but there is no plan based on those conclusions. What do they mean? How do we implement them?
- Use the Recreation Survey conclusions in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan and the forthcoming Open Space Plan to develop some long-range goals.
- Connect the town committees with common areas of interest to develop a synergistic multiplier. Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Town Lands, Mitchell Field, Harbors & Waterfront.
- Look way out. What do you see for the next 40-50 years?
- Develop the overall plan. Leave the actual execution for later. Similar to Mitchell Field Master Plan.
- Link the Recreation Master Plan to the other town plans [Comp, Open Space & Mitchell Field]. It gives the plan greater strength and support.

Question: Are the committee memberships representative of the community? We have great diversity geographically and demographically. We want to make sure that we are listening to and addressing the various constituencies and their concerns.

What next? Think about it. Wait for the Open Space Plan due in draft form on April 30th. Download plans from town web sites. Come back to talk. And, support the Open Space Plan as it is circulated for review and comment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

REGULAR MONTHLY RECREATION COMMITTEE

Attendees: Dave Brooks, Susan Rich, Rick Meisenbach, Tony Barrett, Don Miskill, George Every.

Also present: Liz Bouvé, Carol Tukey

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes of 3/11/08 were approved were accepted as written.

New Business: The Tide Mill Cove Landing proposal was addressed first. The plan is going before the Select Board for approval. Parking is the most significant issue. There are only a few places for cars.

Old Business:

- Update on the Giant Stairs Grant and Project. The grant was approved. However, the amount of the grant was 20K vice the 30K that we asked for. We are reducing the MCC team from 6 to 3 people. The team will be on site from Sep 19 to Nov 15. We will need to get more volunteers to make up for the reduction in MCC team size.

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New Business:

- Youth Coordinator Position - Approved at the town meeting. The job description is complete and the job will be advertised until it is filled. Liz has received several inquiries and feels very positive that we will fill the position in the near future.
- Community Gardens - The Land Trust is exploring a place to put in community gardens.
- Dog Park - Don & Rick will work on the Mitchell Field dog park issue.
- Trufant-Summerton Field Fertilizer issue - we transition from chemical to organic fertilizer.
- Mitchell Field Rules Update - The MFIC will review the use rules for the field. Don will forward Tony's previous recommendations to the MFIC before proceeding.
- Liz is working on a cycling group evolution and needs a name. LOBSTERS & MOBSTERS - Ladies on Bicycles Slowly Touring Enjoying Rural.
- Liz handed out flyers for several summer programs.

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Next Meeting: May 13 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Miskill